

110TH CONGRESS  
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# H. R. 3858

To improve the further development of water resources in Colorado and New Mexico, and for other purposes.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 16, 2007

Mr. SALAZAR introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

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## A BILL

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1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT TO IMPROVE DEVELOPMENT OF**  
4       **WATER RESOURCES.**

5       Section 16 of the Colorado Ute Indian Water Rights  
6       Settlement Act of 1988 (Public Law 100–585) is amended  
7       as follows:

8               (1) By amending subsection (c)(3)(B)(iii) to  
9       read as follows:

1                   “(iii) Notwithstanding any other pro-  
2                   vision of law and in order to ensure that  
3                   the Federal Government fulfills the objec-  
4                   tives of the Record of Decision referred to  
5                   in section 301(b)(8)(F) of the Colorado  
6                   Ute Settlement Act Amendments of 2000,  
7                   the Secretary shall assure that not less  
8                   than one-third of the funds referred to in  
9                   clause (i) shall be expended for municipal  
10                  or rural water development.”.

11               (2) By amending subsection (f) to read as fol-  
12               lows:

13               “(f) LIMITATIONS ON DISBURSEMENT OF TRIBAL  
14               RESOURCES FUNDS.—Any funds appropriated under this  
15               section shall be placed into the Southern Ute Tribal Re-  
16               source Fund and the Ute Mountain Ute Tribal Resource  
17               Fund in the Treasury of the United States but shall not  
18               be available for disbursement under this section until the  
19               final settlement of the tribal claims as provided in section  
20               18. The Secretary may, at the Secretary’s sole discretion,  
21               authorize the disbursement of funds prior to the final set-  
22               tlement in the event that the Secretary determines that  
23               substantial portions of the settlement have been com-  
24               pleted. In the event that the funds are not disbursed under  
25               the terms of this section by December 31, 2020, such

1 funds shall be deposited in the general fund of the Treas-  
2 ury.”.

